

APPROVED MINUTES
ARTS COMMISSION
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Meeting of the Arts Commission (AC)
Date of Meeting: Monday, March 26, 2007
Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall Committee Conference Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.

I. Call to Order Chairperson Rabe called the Meeting to Order at 6:07 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance Chairperson Rabe led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call Commissioners Present: Butler, Foulk, Hays, McGuire, Ogle, Rabe and Alternates Tseui and Asif.

Commissioner Excused Absence: Ettinger

City Staff Present: Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen, Public Services Clerk, Tirzah Cedillo

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Giordano

IV. Seating of Alternates Alternate Asif was seated in Commissioner Ettinger's absence.

V. Approval of Agenda **MOTION** to approve the Agenda of March 26, 2007.

M/S: Foulk/McGuire Ayes: All

VI. Approval of Minutes **MOTION** to approve the Minutes from February 26, 2007.

M/S: Hays/Foulk Ayes: Butler, Foulk, Hays, McGuire, Ogle

Abstain: Rabe, Alternate Asif

VII. Public Forum None.

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence

None.

IX. Old Business

1. Arts Day

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen, reminded the Commission that Arts Day 2007 is scheduled for October 6, 2007. The Parks and Recreation Services Department has added the event to their Special Event calendar, so as to alleviate the stress of last minute planning and budget issues. The Commission has already secured \$1,000.00 towards the event budget from a grant from Target. The Commission will be working with Staff on the event as co-collaborators.

X. New Business

1. Work Plan Discussion 2007 – Staff/Chairperson Rabe

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Arts Commission annually develops a work plan and identifies tasks they would like to accomplish every year. A draft of the Arts Commission's 2007 Work Plan has been included in the Commissioner's packets for approval. Items on the draft plan were taken from their 2006 Work Plan. Once the Commission has approved the 2007 Work Plan, it will go to City Council for final approval.

Overall Goals

a. Work with Sister Cities Commission to develop and participate in Cultural Exchange

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen explained that this goal would entail the Arts Commission participating in Cultural Exchanges with the Sister City where there is often a scheduled event with cultural dancing and gift exchanges, which sometime include art.

Commissioner Hays asked does the Arts Commission have a budget for the Sister Cities goal. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen responded that the Sister Cities Commission has their own budget. The Arts Commission would only assist the Sister Cities Commission in this goal.

Commissioner Tsuei volunteered to approach the Sister Cities Commission about the Arts Commission's interest in participating in the cultural exchanges.

b. Utilize Teen Center for Art and Cultural activities and display space

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated this goal was created in response to the Arts Commission wanting to incorporate youth in art and to have more places to display art.

Commissioner Hays stated the Commission will be busy working on art in Milpitas on the Public Art Committee and might want to delete this goal. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen responded the workload of the Public Art Committee is not relevant to the Arts Commission's Work Plan. The Arts Commission is still a viable Commission with responsibilities such as: CASP, Arts Day, and the Phantom Art Gallery. Regardless of the Public Art Committee's work plan and load, the Arts Commission is held accountable for a work plan that affects, promotes and encourages arts in the City of Milpitas. The Public Art Committee deals with the acquisition and placement of art in the public, only.

Chairperson Rabe asked what the definition between Public Art Committee and the Arts Commission is. Council Member Giordano responded the Arts Commission promotes cultural and artistic enrichment in the community. Commissioner Hays asked does the Arts Commission have to do fundraising. Chairperson Rabe responded the Arts Commission does not have to fundraise.

c. Lobby to Promote Center for the Arts in Milpitas

The Commission asked this be kept as a long-term goal.

Commissioner Hays asked should the Commission add any items on the work plan. Chairperson Rabe stated she would like a goal on the Work Plan to entail the improvement of the Phantom Art Gallery. She suggested to acquire a second site and also, the Arts Commission needs to be educated on how to effectively and accurately juror art. She suggested the Arts Commission have guest speakers attend meetings to explain juroring as well as artists to demonstrate properties of good art. Commissioner Hays stated she has ten years of ceramic background and would be happy to present to the Commission. Also, she would like to get a second art gallery location. Council Member Giordano added that the Commission should get a second site where 3 dimensional art can be displayed, perhaps at the new Library. Commissioner Tsuei stated a larger gallery space also has to do with reputation. Council Member Giordano asked if there is a place in the new library for an art gallery. Commissioner Hays stated the Commission should find out soon if there is a space available.

Commissioner Hays stated the goals are: 1. Improve art displayed in the gallery, 2. Expand the Phantom Art Gallery (locating new location), 3. Educating the Arts Commission on how to critique art and market the gallery to expand the variety of art displays (to 3D, ceramic, etc.).

Commissioner Foulk added that the Teen Center Goal could possibly be a new location for the Phantom Art Gallery and to have that goal be a sub goal of the Phantom Art Gallery improvement goal.

MOTION to add two goals to the 2007 Arts Commission Work Plan; 1.) Increase gallery space and 2.) Improve existing gallery space.

M/S: Hays/Ogle

Ayes: All

XI. Staff Reports

Commissioners' Recognition Event-April 18th-City Hall

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen reminded the Commission members to RSVP.

CASP-Children's Concert-March 29th-Milpitas High School

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated Commissioners' Foulk, Ogle and herself would attend this event.

CASP-MAFTA Tea-April 21st-Community Center

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated Commissioners' McGuire, Hays to attend this event.

XII. Liaison Reports

1. City Council

Council Member Giordano reported the following at the March 6, 2007 meeting:

- Mixed-use general plan amendment for Park Victoria Drive, duplex units, denied.

Council Member Giordano reported the following at the March 20, 2007, City Council meeting:

- Accept staff report for plan to six-lane overpass on Calaveras Blvd., and study of Carlos Avenue re-opening.
- Traffic ordinance banning vehicles exceeding 6' from parking in sight zones.
- Limited four hour parking on streets in K/B home area.
- Received report library/parking garage on time/on budget, opening ceremony 4/28 10:00am.
- Revision of flood plan and update on regional flood protection projects.
- Received a plan on S. Main Street Plan Line Study.

2. Commissioner CASP Review

Commissioner Foulk and his son attended the performance of 'Hamlet.' He stated the performance was very well done.

11. Library Advisory Commission

Council Member Giordano reminded the Commission that Saturday, April 28th at 10:00am is the scheduled groundbreaking of the Milpitas Library.

Commissioner McGuire stated she attended the 'Citizen of the Year' dinner for Mr. Robert Burrill. She stated the event was well attended and very nice.

XIV. Future Agenda Items

- Work Plan
- Phantom Art Gallery Art Display Guidelines
- Historical Award or Gallery Showing of the 'Handcraft Tile' Business

XV. Adjournment

There being no further business the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m., to the scheduled meeting on April 23, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tirzah Cedillo
Recording Secretary